

Gunfighters,

A potential environmental situation has been brought to my attention, and I need your assistance to ensure our Mountain Home AFB family remains safe while we assess the impact. Rubble and abandoned transite/concrete piping fragments were found in the vacant area between family housing and Perimeter Road which appears to be from demolition that occurred on base in the mid-1950s. Transite is a mixture of concrete and asbestos that has been commonly used in construction projects nationwide for over half a century.

At this time we do not know the full extent of the transite located in an approximately 63-acre area of concern. As a precaution, we have taken immediate action to prevent residents from entering this area by posting signs and increasing Security Forces patrols. The Civil Engineer Squadron has contacted the proper state and federal agencies and will be performing a risk evaluation. You can expect to see personnel from the Aerospace Medicine Squadron's Bioenvironmental Flight gathering samples on air quality in protective suits and taking measurements on a routine basis.

The location of the 63-acres we are evaluating is across from family housing, stretching from Ransom Loop to Falcon Street and borders Perimeter Road. We know this is an area where children often walk through and individuals exercising go by, but we ask that you refrain from entering this area while we make further assessments.

The presence of asbestos on, or in the soil does not itself lead to a risk to human health. The potential for materials containing asbestos to generate hazardous asbestos fibers varies significantly depending upon the form of the asbestos material. Generally, the material containing asbestos is not harmful unless it is has been broken and the fibers released into the air, and we do not know at this time whether this has occurred. Based on the facts, we anticipate the health risk to be low; however, we are erring on the side of caution until we know more about the scope of the problem.

Attached you will find a map that outlines the affected area in blue. In the future, signs will be placed around the area denoting the boundaries.

I understand the concern this announcement may cause and can sympathize, as my own home is adjacent to this area and my children have played on these 63 acres. Know that I am absolutely committed to ensuring the wellbeing of our community and appreciate your assistance as we move forward. I will continue to update you as we learn more.

v/r,

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East Perimeter Rubble Piles

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1 inch = 500 feet

0 62.5125 250 375 500 Feet

Key to Features

-  Roads
-  Rubble Piles
-  Houses
-  Installation Boundary

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